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**TESTIMONY OF RYAN KOBAYASHI
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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, August 23, 2017

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Committee Meeting Room

**TESTIMONY ON BILL 45 (2017) RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION
SURCHARGE**

ALOHA COMMITTEE CHAIR MANAHAN, VICE CHAIR ELEFANTE, AND COMMITTEE
MEMBERS:

My name is Ryan Kobayashi, Government and Community Relations Director for the Hawaii Laborers Union Local 368. The Hawaii Laborers Union is made up of 5000+ working and retired members across the State of Hawaii. **We are in support of Bill 45 (2017) Relating to Transportation.**

The City's Honolulu Rail Project is the largest public works project ever undertaken in the State of Hawaii, and has the potential to be a huge economic driver in the State if it is completed all the way to Ala Moana. This project has the potential for providing work for our members years beyond the actual completion of the Rail System itself through Transit Oriented Development (TOD) projects associated with Rail.

As this bill is being discussed today, many of our members are at work on the Rail project itself and associated TOD projects. This work not only supports our active working members and their families, but our retirees as well, the same people who helped to build this City and State through their own sweat and hard work.

Therefore, the Hawaii Laborers Union Local 368 **supports** Bill 45 (2017) Relating to the Transportation Surcharge, and respectfully requests that the Committee on Budget passes this Bill.

Sincerely,

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